

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that in view of the corrected replacement section "Amendments to and Listing of the Claims" provided above, the Amendment filed January 21, 2005 is now fully compliant. Specifically, in currently amended claims 8 and 9, the status identifier has been changed to properly state "Withdrawn – Currently Amended".

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned if anything further is needed, or for any questions which might arise concerning this application at the telephone number indicated below. Reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

MAKOTO UCHIDA, et al.

May 3, 2005
(Date)

By:

Sandra M. Katz
SANDRA M. KATZ

Registration No. 51,864

AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP

One Commerce Square

2005 Market Street, Suite 2200

Philadelphia, PA 19103-7013

Telephone: 215-965-1200

Direct Dial: 215-965-1344

Facsimile: 215-965-1210

E-Mail: skatz@akingump.com

SMK/rc